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**Meeting
of the
Board of State Canvassers**

**August 25, 2006
Governor's Room, Lansing Center
Lansing, Michigan**

Called to order: 1:10 p.m.

Members present: Katherine DeGrow – Chairperson
James L. Waters – Vice-Chairperson
Lyn R. Bankes
Erane C. Washington-Kendrick

Members absent: None.

Agenda item: Consideration of meeting minutes for approval.

Board action on agenda item: As there were no requested revisions or corrections, Ms. DeGrow announced the approval of the minutes prepared for the Board's meeting of August 16, 2006.

Agenda item: Canvass and certification of August 8, 2006 primary.

Board action on agenda item: Motion that Board certify the results reported for the primary and place the names of the nominated candidates on the November 7, 2006 general election ballot. Moved by Bankes; supported by Washington-Kendrick. Ayes: DeGrow, Waters, Bankes, Washington-Kendrick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Consideration of WinEDS v.3.1.038 Election Management System Software and Optech Insight Optical Scan Tabulator v.APX K2.10/HPX K1.42/CPX K1.14 submitted by Sequoia Voting Systems of Oakland, California for approval for use in Michigan.

Board action on agenda item: Motion that Board approve the WinEDS Election Management System Software upgrade and the Optech Insight Optical Scan Tabulator upgrade submitted by Sequoia Voting Systems for use in Michigan. Moved by Washington-Kendrick; supported by Waters. Ayes: DeGrow, Waters, Bankes, Washington-Kendrick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Report on review of qualifying petitions filed with the Secretary of State for the November 7, 2006 general election.

Board action on agenda item: Motion that Board determine the qualifying petition filed by Jerome S. White, candidate for U.S. Representative in Congress, District 12, sufficient and place Mr. White on the November 7, 2006 general election ballot. Moved by Bankes; supported by Waters. Ayes: DeGrow, Waters, Bankes, Washington-Kendrick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Assignment of ballot designations to statewide ballot proposals qualified to appear on the November 7, 2006 general election ballot.

Board action on agenda item: Motion that Board assign the following designations to the five statewide proposals currently qualified to appear on the November 7, 2006 general election ballot:

House Joint Resolution Z:	06-1
Michigan Civil Rights Initiative:	06-2
Dove Hunting Referendum:	06-3
Senate Joint Resolution E:	06-4
Educational Funding Guarantee	06-5

Moved by Washington-Kendrick; supported by Waters. Ayes: DeGrow, Waters, Bankes, Washington-Kendrick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item: Determination of ballot wording for the four statewide proposals identified below:

Proposal 06-1: After the acceptance of testimony, a motion was entered to approve the following ballot language:

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE THAT MONEY HELD IN CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR THEIR INTENDED PURPOSES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Create a Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund within the Constitution and establish existing conservation and recreation accounts as components of the fund.
- Use current funding sources such as state park entrance and camping fees; snowmobile, ORV and boating registration fees; hunting and fishing license fees; taxes and other revenues to fund accounts.

- Establish the current Game and Fish Protection Fund and the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund within the Constitution.
- Provide that money held in Funds can only be used for specific purposes related to conservation and recreation and cannot be used for any purpose other than those intended.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Moved by Washington-Kendrick; supported by Bankes. Ayes: DeGrow, Waters, Bankes, Washington-Kendrick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Proposal 06-3: After the acceptance of testimony, a motion was entered to approve the following ballot language:

A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 160 OF 2004 – AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUNTING SEASON FOR MOURNING DOVES

Public Act 160 of 2004 would:

- Authorize the Natural Resources Commission to establish a hunting season for mourning doves.
- Require a mourning dove hunter to have a small game license and a \$2.00 mourning dove stamp.
- Stipulate that revenue from the stamp must be split evenly between the Game and Fish Protection Fund and the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.
- Require the Department of Natural Resources to address responsible mourning dove hunting; management practices for the propagation of mourning doves; and participation in mourning dove hunting by youth, the elderly and the disabled in the Department's annual hunting guide.

Should this law be approved?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Moved by Bankes; supported by Waters. Ayes: DeGrow, Waters, Bankes, Washington-Kendrick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Proposal 06-4: After the acceptance of testimony, a motion was entered to approve the following ballot language:

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING PRIVATE PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE PURPOSES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Prohibit government from taking private property for transfer to another private individual or business for purposes of economic development or increasing tax revenue.
- Provide that if an individual's principal residence is taken by government for public use, the individual must be paid at least 125% of property's fair market value.
- Require government that takes a private property to demonstrate that the taking is for a public use; if taken to eliminate blight, require a higher standard of proof to demonstrate that the taking of that property is for a public use.
- Preserve existing rights of property owners.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Moved by Washington-Kendrick; supported by Waters. Ayes: DeGrow, Waters, Bankes, Washington-Kendrick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Proposal 06-5: After the acceptance of testimony, a motion was entered to approve the following ballot language:

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING LEVELS

The proposed law would:

- Increase current funding by approximately \$565 million and require State to provide annual funding increases equal to the rate of inflation for public schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges, and higher education (includes state universities and financial aid/grant programs).
- Require State to fund any deficiencies from General Fund.

- Base funding for school districts with a declining enrollment on three-year student enrollment average.
- Reduce and cap retirement fund contribution paid by public schools, community colleges and state universities; shift remaining portion to state.
- Reduce funding gap between school districts receiving basic per-pupil foundation allowance and those receiving maximum foundation allowance.

Should this proposed law be approved?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Moved by Washington-Kendrick; supported by Waters. Ayes: DeGrow, Waters, Bankes, Washington-Kendrick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Agenda item:

Other business.

Motion that Board designate Bureau staff members to act as its representatives at any recounts which must be conducted under the Board's authority. Motion by Washington-Kendrick; supported by Bankes. Ayes: DeGrow, Waters, Bankes, Washington-Kendrick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjourned:

4:12 p.m.

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Member

Member

Date

